

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7-10, 16-32, 37, and 43-48 were rejected. Claims 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 18, 33, 35, 38, 41, and 42 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16, 17, 19-32, 37, and 43-48 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 49-56 have been added.

The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in claims 3-6, 11-15, 33-36, and 38-42. Claims 3, 5, 11, 14, 15, 33, 35, 38, 41, and 42 have each been amended to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 6, 12, 13, 34, 36, 39, and 40 are also believed to be in condition for allowance due to their respective dependencies on these allowable claims. New claims 49-56 correspond to subject matter in original claims 7 and 18, all of which are dependent on allowable claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 663-1100.

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